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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

District Council Offices
Alexandra Road,
Wisbech.

R. A. STENHOUSE.
L.M.S.S.A D.P.H.

MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HEATH COMMITTEE:-

The Chairman (Councillor W.H. Kerkham) The Vice Chairman (The late Col. M.C. Clayton and Councillor W. Allen) and the full Council.

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority:-

Medical Officer of Health -

R.A. Stenhouse, L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H.

also holds appointments of

Assistant County Medical Officer of Health.
School Medical Officer.
Medical Officer of Health Downham Market Urban District Council.
Medical Officer of Health Downham Rural District Council.

Senior Public Health Inspector and Surveyor -

B.V. Braybrook, C.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Deputy Surveyor -

A. Nunn, C.R.S.H.

Local Health Office,
Downham Market.

April, 1957.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE MARSHLAND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my annual report for 1957.

The general health of the District has been satisfactory and indeed according to a recent survey by the Registrar General, East Anglia was included amongst regions having the lowest death rate. The Birth Rate of 15.84 and Death Rate of 10.06 thus compares favourably with that for England and Wales 16.1 and 11.5 respectively. The comparability factor given by the Registrar General is 1.02 for births and 1.13 for deaths.
The number of live Births is 258 compared with 278 for 1956.

A measles epidemic broke out in the early part of the year which affected severely most schools in the District and continued up to the end of the summer term. The disease was of a mild nature and complications unusual. A total of 284 cases were recorded.
No schools were closed on this account.

Vaccination against Poliomyelitis was continued throughout the year as and when supplies of vaccine became available. Increased supplies of British vaccine were received during the summer and all children born between 1947 and 1956 could register for treatment. In December registrations included expectant mothers, and children up to 15, general practitioners, hospital and ambulance staff, as supplies of American vaccine were anticipated. A total of 507 children received 2 injections.
2 cases of Poliomyelitis were notified during the year.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis (B.C.G. Vaccine) was offered to all children in thier last year of attendance at school, with the object to giving protection after leaving and taking up employment.
The mass Radiography Unit continues to operate in the District.

During the month of September Influenza probably of Asian type, but of a mild nature began to appear in the district and towards the end of the month information received from the Ministry of National Insurance showed that from the increase in new sickness claims, it had reached epidemic proportions. Both adults and children were affected, but symptoms appeared more severe in adults. Incidence in the schools vaired, butup to 45% absentees on this account were recorded during October, average being about 30%

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No schools were closed.

Towards the end of the year there was a decline in the number of cases.

The Registrar General's figure for deaths from Influenza for England and Wales during this period showed a marked increase.

In June the Government opened a campaign directed against the danger of heavy smoking in connection with lung cancer. Much has been said and written on this subject, but it still remains controversial. However not to smoke, or at least only in moderation is advice which is good at all ages even for reasons other than the fear of cancer and the particular efforts should be made to prevent the habit developing in young people. Posters warning the public against the danger of smoking have been placed on Council Notice Boards at the request of the County Council.

Rural areas have been shown to have the lowest death rate from lung cancer and whilst it must be agreed that consitiutional factors play an important part in the incidence of this disease there is a school of thought which reasons that tobacco smoking rather than being a cause of Cancer, is really the result.

There has been evidence during the year of heavy rat infestation in some of the banks of rivers and dykes. As these rodents can act as carriers of Infectious Jaundice, cases of which disease are not unknown in the district, measures towards extermination should be continued.

Every opportunity should be taken to improve sewage disposal in the District. It must be remembered in connection with Civil Defence that the District is an evacuation area and in the event of hostilities, the existing services would become heavily overburdened.

With the increasing number of aged people amongst the population the Home Help Service, as provided by the Norfolk County Council, is proving of increasing benefit as it enables these old people to remain longer in their own homes thus avoiding the need for Institutional care, which is of benefit not only to themselves, but also to the ratepayers .

In conclusion, I wish to express my appreciation for the support, encouragement and guidance afforded me by members of the Council, the Clerk and Officers of the various departments including the Local Health Office, during the period under review.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. Stenhouse

Medical Officer of Health.

NOTE:- In the absence of the Medical Officer of Health the following Vital and Medical Statistics have been compiled by the Senior Public Health Inspector in co-operation with the staff of the Local Health Office of the Norfolk County Council.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

Area in acres.....56,652
Population in 1931.....15,350
Population in 1951 (Census).....16,567
Population in 1957 estimated mid year home population...16,610
Number of separate dwellings occupied 1957..... 5,482
Rateable Value 1957.....£109,371
Product of a penny rate 1957.....£423

LIVE BIRTHS

	M	F
Total	125	133
Legitimate	118	126
Illegitimate	7	7

Birth Rate Marshland Rural	England & Wales	Administrative County.
15.84	16.1	15.39

STILL BIRTHS (Rate per 1,000 live and still births)

	M	F
Total	4	2
Legitimate	3	2
Illegitimate	1	-

Rate Marshland Rural	England & Wales	Administrative County.
16.21	22.4	22.51

DEATHS (all causes)

		M	F
Total	148	79	69

Rate Marshland Rural	England & Wales	Administrative County.
10.06	11.5	11.74

Deaths (From Puerperal causes)
Puerperal and post abortive sepsis.....NIL
Other Puerperal causes.....NIL

VITAL STATISTICS (Continued)

INFANT MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 live births)

	M	F
Total	6	4
Legitimate	6	4
Illegitimate	-	-

Rate Marshland Rural	England & Wales	Administrative County.
39.5	23.0	22.52

DEATHS from -

Cancer (all ages)..... 23

Measles (all ages).....NIL

Whooping Cough.....NIL

Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....NIL

SECTION A

NATURAL AND SOCAL CONDITIONS.

Area in acres.....56,562.
Population (mid year estimate).....16,610.

DEATHS One hundred and forty eight deaths have been assigned to the district, an increase of seventeen from the figure for 1956. The table affords a comparison between death rates for the previous four years.

Marshland Rural District

1957.....10.06
1956..... 8.90
1955..... 8.00
1954.....10.30
1953..... 8.40

BIRTHS Two hundred and fifty eight births have been assigned to the district, a decrease of twenty from the 1956 figure.

MATERNAL MORTALITY NIL

INFANT MORTALITY Ten infants died during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT There were no burials carried out by the Council under the provisions of the above Act.

SECTION B

1. GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES

Norfolk Executive Council, 54, Prince of Wales Road, Norwich. Clerk, R.J. Cobb Esq.

(a) GENERAL

(1) Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich.
(11) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.
(111) Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich.
(1V) St. James' Hospital, King's Lynn. (for chronic sick)
(V) North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech.
(V1) The Howdale Home, Downham Market.

(b) MATERNITY

(1) Bowthorpe Maternity Hospital, Wisbech.
(11) West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (Maternity Unit)
(111) Adenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge.

(c) INFECTIOUS

(1) County Isolation Hospital, East Dereham.
(11) Isolation Hospital, King's Lynn.
(111) Peterborough Isolation Hospital.
(1V) Cambridge Isolation Hospital.

(d) SANATORIA

(1) Kelling Sanatorium, Holt.
(11) Bramblewood Sanatorium, Holt.

(e) MENTAL

(1) St. Andrews Hospital, Norwich.
(11) Helledson Hospital, Norwich.
(111) Heckingham Sanatorium, Norwich.
(1V) Little Plumstead, Norwich.

3. MATERNITY SERVICES.

(a) District Nurses showing areas served (at times of compilation of this report).

Nurse Stevens, Terrington St. Clement and Terrington Marsh.

Nurse Cooper, Walpole St. Andrew, Peter and Cross Keys area, Terrington St. John, Fen End, Trinity Road, Marshland St. James, Tilney St. Lawrence and Hay Green.

Nurse Browne, Tilney All Saints and Clenchwarton.

Nurse Criss, West Walton, Walsoken and Emneth.

Nurses O'Leary and Nolan, Upwell, Outwell, Welney and Three Holes.

(b) MATERNITY

Beds in Regional Hospital Board Establishments
(1) Bowthorpe Maternity, Wisbech.

4. AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE

With effect from 1st April, 1954 the hospital car service for the Marshland area is conducted by King's Lynn Ambulance Station and the Local Health Office, The Howdale, Downham Market.

The Marshland area is jointly served by the Downham Market and King's Lynn Ambulances.

Infectious Disease cases are conveyed by East Dereham, Wisbech and King's Lynn Ambulances.

5. RED CROSS AND ST. JOHN MEDICAL LOAN DEPOTS.

(a) Terrington St. John - Mrs. D. Greer.
(b) Walpole St. Peter - Mrs. G. Woods.
(c) Terrington St. Clement - Mrs. S.M. Wilcox, The Lodge, Terrington St. Clement.
(d) Outwell - Mrs. Roper, Eason House, Outwell.
(e) Three Holes - Mrs. D. Jermey, "Roaysain", Three Holes.

6. COUNTY MEDICAL SERVICES

(a) INFANT WELFARE CENTRES

(1) Terrington St. Clement 3rd Tuesday 2-4 p.m.

The Assistant County Medical Officer of Health attends at the above Session.

In addition Village Infant Welfare Centres are held at the following villages - Emneth, Marshland St. James, Tilney St. Lawrence, Walpole St. Peter, West Walton, Outwell and Three holes. These centres are conducted by the Local Nurse/ Midwives and Health Visitors, and are visited periodically by the Assistant County Medical Officer.

(b) SCHOOL MINOR AILMENT CLINICS

(1) Terrington St. Clement Secondary School (every Tuesday during term)

(2) Upwell Modern Secondary School 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays during term.

The School Nurse attends at the above sessions and the Assistant Medical Officer at one session per month.

(c) HOME HELP SERVICE

The County Home Help scheme is doing excellent work and Home Helps are at present available for the following parishes and villages - Terrington St. John, Terrington St. Clement, Upwell, Outwell, Walpole St. Andrew and St. Peter, Tilney St. Lawrence, Clenchwarton, Islington, Emneth, Elm, Marshland St. James and Tilney All Saints.

7. VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
MALES: Tuesdays and Fridays - 6.0 p.m.
FEMALES AND CHILDREN: Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 3.0 p.m.

8. DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

(1) Disinfection of premises is carried out by the Senior Public Health Inspector's staff.

(11) Disinfestation of bedding, clothing etc., which cannot be carried out by this Department, are sent to the East Dereham Isolation Hospital.

9. LABORATORY SERVICE

(a) Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich. Under the direction of Dr. L. M. Dowsett.

(b) Public Analyst, Eric C. Wood, Ph.D., A.R.C.S., F.R.I.C., Clarence House, 6, Clarence Road, Norwich.

SECTION C

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

SMALL POX

NIL

SCARLET FEVER

There was 1 case during the year which was isolated at home, there were no deaths.

DIPHTHERIA

There were no deaths from, or reported cases of diphtheria. The Table gives the yearly number of children who either received full courses of primary immunisation or booster doses to reactivate their primary immunity.

1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
183	202	236	211	163	189	244	229

The downward trend in numbers of children immunised has been reversed.

PNEUMONIA

Seven cases were notified.

ERYSIPELAS

One case was notified.

MEASLES

Two hundred and eight four cases were notified. There were no deaths. It is not possible to assess the acute and chronic illness which stems from this disease.

WHOOPING COUGH

Thirty seven cases were notified.

INFECTIVE JAUNDICE

No cases were notified.

ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS

Two cases were notified. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

Nine new cases of Pulmonary and one of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified. There were no deaths.

CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS

No schools were closed.

SECTION D

STATISTICAL TABLES, 1957

Table No. 1.

Causes of Death

	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other forms	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	1	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles..	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach..	3	-	3
11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	1	4
12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast...	-	1	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus...	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	8	6	14
15. Leukaemia	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	2	2
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system	7	9	16
18. Coronary disease, angina	9	4	13
19. Hypertension with heart disease...	3	3	6
20. Other heart diseases	10	15	25
21. Other Circulatory diseases...	6	5	11
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	5	3	8
24. Bronchitis	7	1	8
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system ...	-	2	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodemum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis, Nephrosis	1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion...	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformation	-	2	2
32. Other defined and ill defined diseases ...	10	8	18
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	4
34. All other accidents	2	2	4
35. Suicide..	1	0	1
36. Homicide	-	-	-
All cases	79	69	148

DEATH RATE OF CHILDREN

Table No. 2.

CAUSES OF DEATH OF CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR - 1957.

Causes of Death	Age in Weeks						Total
	-1	1	2	3	4	5-52	
1. Congenital malformation ...	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
2. Disease of early infancy:							
(a) Congenital abnormality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Premature birth	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
(c) Injury at birth	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(d) Atelectases...	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
(e) Others...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Disease of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
4. Disease of Nervous System...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Disease of Digestive System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis Disease... ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Infectious Disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Syphilis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Overlaying...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Violence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. All other causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total ...	7	-	-	1	-	2	10

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES

1957

Table No. 3.

Notification in Age Groups

DISEASE	AGES												Total
	Under 1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 & Over	
Measles	4	19	25	28	30	159	8	-	11	-		-	284
Whooping Cough... ...	-	4	3	2	3	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	37
Pneumonia...	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	1	7
Infective Jaundice ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	4	23	28	31	33	185	9	-	14	1	3	1	332

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

1957 Table No. 4.

(Other than Tuberculosis)

DISEASE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	18	32	60	42	41	30	43	17	1	-	-	-	284
Whooping Cough..	11	14	8	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	37
Pneumonia.. ...	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	7
Infective Jaundice.. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Non-Paralytic Poliomyelitis..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paralytic Polio-myelitis.. ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	29	47	70	43	43	31	44	17	3	4	-	1	332

NEW CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS - 1957

Table No. 5.

Age in Years	NEW CASES				DEATHS				TOTAL
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		
	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	Male	Fem.	
- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- 5	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
- 15	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
- 25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
- 35	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
- 45	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
- 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals	4	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	10

REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending 31st December, 1957.

WATER SUPPLY

The year 1957 saw the completion of the Second Marshland piped Water Extension Scheme by the Wisbech & District Water Board, and this has undoubtedly been a great step towards the provision of such a supply to all the residents of the District. Whilst I cannot stress too highly the need for a piped supply for domestic users, especially in Marshland, it must always be borne in mind that the problem of disposal of waste water increases after a piped supply has been afforded. This point will be reflected in the later stages of this report. The Extension Scheme included 480 yards of 2" main and 22,903 yards of 3" main and during the year these lengths coupled with housing sites and private supply mains brought the total length to almost 25,000 yds. All these piped supplies continue to be controlled by the Wisbech & District Water Board and the staff of the Board are constantly sampling and analysing the supply to maintain purity and efficiency.

The remaining parts of the district where no piped supplies exist are being reviewed and a full report given to the Council in due course. The residents in these areas continue to rely solely on rainwater collected from roofs for their domestic supply.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Council's Cesspool Emptying Vehicle was fully employed for the whole year and I give below a comparative table of the work carried out over a period of years since 1952.

Year	Cesspools	Privy Vaults	Sewagage Disposal Plants (Council Housing Estates)
1952	481	459	51
1953	685	394	54
1954	739	377	49
1955	771	368	45
1956	830	233	41
1957	955	383	53

This table indicates the constant rise in conversions of old privy vaults and pail closets to the water carriage system with cesspools.

Following my report to the Council in November 1956, on the conditions in some parts of the district arising from sewage effluents, a Committee was formed to investigate the problem. Whilst my report received sympathetic consideration it was finally decided that the national financial situation prevented any definite action to try and improve the situation by capital expenditure. Many areas are becoming Urban in nature and I remain convinced that no improvement in the condition of sewage polluted dykes and gardens will be shown until a main sewage collection and disposal scheme exists. It is also evident that the interim period must be coped with by increasing the equipment for dealing with sewage installation and the subsequent disposal.

The sole method of disposal of the contents of the cesspool emptier is on straw heaps provided by local farmers and smallholders. This method works very satisfactory for single loads. Difficulty does arise when the Council's Sewage Disposal Plants are emptied and disposal is required for between 10 to 20 loads in a day. This problem is being investigated and it is hoped that a satisfactory method will be found.

Further surveys were made at Terrington St. Clement and Clenchwarton with the Staff of the County Public Health Department for the preparation of a report to the Council on the Sewage Disposal problem. It is hoped to present the full report in the Autumn of 1958.

RIVER POLLUTION PREVENTION ACTS

The district continued to be covered and controlled by the two River Boards of the Nene and Ouse. Samples are being taken by the Boards, of water from certain drains which may affect the two rivers and the analysis reports are far from satisfactory. The reports show a heavy pollution by sewage effluents.

INFESTATION BY INSECT PESTS

(a) Bed Bugs No reports of infestation were received.

(b) Fleas 4 cases were reported and disinfestation carried out by the Department.

(c) Flies 5 cases were reported in private dwellings and in each case the source of infestation was from refuse tips. Concentrated spraying was carried out by the staff.

(e) Cockroaches No heavy cases of infestation were reported.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Two new licences were issued under the Public Health Acts for moveable dwellings. In all cases where applied for the existing licences were extended for a further period of twelve months. Inspections were made of the dwellings licensed and all were found to be in a clean and tidy state.

FRUIT PICKERS BUNKS AND SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS

The district continues to attract the seasonal agricultural worker and the larger fruit farmers improved their a commodation for resident pickers. Difficulties were experinced with the influx of van dwellers, some of whom were not disirable people. Frequent visits were made during the season and generally a fair condition was maintained.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACTS

Rodent control on the Refuse Tips used by the Council were constantly treated throughout the year. No heavy infestations were reported on private property but the few minor complaints were inspected and advice given to the occupiers. Direct labour for rodent control was also used in co-operation with the Wisbech Rural District Council for the area of the old canal between Outwell (Isle) and Outwell (Norfolk) and also of the old course of the River Nene. The campaign in these areas has been very satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The refuse Collection Service by direct labour continued satisfactorily during the year. Authority was obtained to prepare for a new tip at War Bank, Clenchwarton, which would solve the disposal problem in the Terrington and Clenchwarton areas for a number of years. The remaining area with disposal problems is the Upwell and Outwell parishes and I am convinced that the solution would be to operate a joint scheme with the Wisbech Rural District Council and fill the section of the disused Wisbech canel at Outwell.

Many parts of the district have developed since the direct labour scheme for Refuse Collection commenced into areas of an urban nature and it may be that in the near future a more frequent collection than the present fortnightly "Kerbside" collection will be required. This of course will mean increased labour and equipment.

I am pleased to report that residents are co-operating very well with the provision of proper saintary bins.

FOOD AND FOOD PREMISES

113 visits were made to food premises during the year, many in conjunction with the new Food Hygiene Regulations. The co-operation between the Department and the traders has been good and standards have been raised throughout the district. An endeavour has been made to improve the many licensed premises and the Brewery Companies are making improvements. The licensed premises and cafés on the two trunk roads through the district have been given preference for action by my department and a general improvement is constantly being maintained.

25 samples of ice cream were taken from registered premises and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis. All the samples were placed in Grades I and II. There is no manufacture of ice cream locally and all the registered premises were retailing pre-packed ice cream and prepared by the large companies.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES - MEAT INSEPCTION

At 31st December, 1957 there were ten private slaughterhouses licensed in the District and one Knackers Yard at Terrington St. John.

The premises were situated as follows:-

Upwell 4
Outwell.....1
Walpole St. Peter.....2
Terrington St. John.....2
Tilney All Saints.....1

Regular Slaughtering occured at seven of these slaughter-houses and post mortem inspection of all animals was made.

There were no complaints received from the public arising from these slaughterhouses and they all are in very good condition and a high standard of cleanliness was maintained.

Condemned meat was disposed of by burial or sale to a Knacker after being treated with green dye by your officers.

Condemned Meat

Beasts	-	Carcase meat	320 lbs.
		Head and Offal	460 lbs.
Pigs	-	Carcase Meat	296 lbs.
		Head Offal	324 lbs.
Sheep	-	Offal	12 lbs.

The following Table shows:-

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

Key to Table

(a) All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci - Whole carcases condemned.
(b) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.
(c) Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci.
(d) Tuberculosis only: Whole carcases condemned.
(e) Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.
(f) Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.
(g) Cysticercosis - Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.
(h) Carcases submitted to treatment by refigeration.
(i) Generalised and totally condemned.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
No. Killed (if known)	313	-	4	803	1571	-
No. inspected	313	-	4	803	1571	-
(a)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b)	40	-	-	10	42	-
(c)	12.77	-	-	1.24	2.67	-
(d)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(e)	24	-	-	-	38	-
(f)	.76	-	-	-	2.42	-
(g)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(h)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(i)	-	-	-	-	-	-

Condemned Foods

Cheese - 14 lbs.

Tinned Fruit - 6 lbs.

Tinned Meat - 14 lbs.

MILK AND DAIRIES

The following licences were issued during the year:-

Tuberculin Tested	3 Dealers Licences. 1 Producers Licence. 7 Supplementary Licences.
Pasteurized	3 Dealers Licences. 1 Producers Licence. 7 Supplementary Licences.
Sterilised	5 Dealers Licences.

Milk samples were taken by the staff of the County Council.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

There is one licensed Knackers Yard in the area at Terrington St. John and conditions were satisfactory.

HOUSING

A good attack was made during the year on some of the sub-standard properties in the district but the completion of new properties by the Council was not high for replacement. A number of properties were in the course of erection but the actual number of new dwellings completed by the Council was only 10. The total new development completed in the district by the Council and by private enterprise is given below.

New Bungalows for Aged Persons completed by the Council	- 8
New Houses completed by the Council	- 2
New Houses and Bungalows completed by Private Enterprise	- 85
TOTAL	- 95

163 Plans for various proposals were submitted to the Department under the Council's Building Byelaws.

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS DURING 1957

PARISH	Closing Orders made	Undertakings accepted	Demolition by Formal Action	Demolition by Informal Action
Clenchwarton	1	-	-	2
Emneth	-	-	-	-
Marshland St. James	-	-	-	-
Outwell	2	-	-	-
Terrington St. Clement	1	1	-	1
Terrington St. John	2	1	-	-
Tilney All Saints	2	-	1	-
Tilney St. Lawrence	2	-	1	-
Upwell	10	-	-	1
Walpole St. Andrew	-	-	-	-
Walpole St. Peter	1	1	-	-
Walsoken	-	-	-	-
West Walton	-	1	1	1
TOTALS	21	4	3	5

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

Six applications were received during the year for Certificates of Disrepair and all were granted.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Applications for Improvements Grants for the benefit of 30 properties were received by the Department during the year and 22 of these were carried out.

HOUSING REPAIRS - INFORMAL ACTION

It was found necessary to serve five informal notices on owners of properties to do certain essential repairs and all of these notices were complied with. A further 15 properties were also dealt with by negotiation with landlords.

NUISANCES General Complaints - Routine Visits etc.

Summary of Visits 1957.

Water Supply	63
Drainage etc.	179
Moveable Dwellings	32
Factories	12
Bakehouses	8
Refuse Collection and Disposal	78
Rodent Control	69
Petroleum	14
Housing	489
Slaughterhouses	567
Food Premises	113
Milk & Dairies	20
Infectious Disease	12
Miscellaneous	346
Total	2002

FACTORIES

Informal action was necessary in two cases reported by H.M. Inspectors. The number of Factories and Bakehouses registered in the District are as follows:-

Parish	No. with Mechanical Power	No. with no Mechanical Power
Clenchwarton ...	3	-
Emneth	13	2
Marshland St. James ...	1	1
Outwell	4	-
Terrington St. Clement ...	9	-
Terrington St. John.. ...	6	1
Tilney St. Lawrence...	4	-
Upwell	7	2
Walpole St. Andrew ...	6	1
Walpole St. Peter	1	3
West Walton. ...	2	-
TOTALS	56	10

Finally may I record my thanks to the Council for their co-operation during the year and to the Clerk and other members of the staff who have assisted the work of the Department in many ways.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

B.V. Braybrook.

Senior Public Health Inspector.